

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 16 and 19 are amended, and claim 4 is canceled. Thus, claims 1-3 and 5-19 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes that a certified copy of the priority document, JP 2004-139406, has not been filed. Responsive to the Examiner's note, a copy of the priority document, JP 2004-139406, is submitted herewith.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 and 19 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claims 1 and 19 are amended to include the allowable subject matter recited in claim 4. Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 1 and 19 place these claims in condition for allowance. Further, claims 2, 3, and 5-18 are in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1, 6-9, and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin (U.S. Patent No. 6,661,181), the rejection of claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin in view of Takeda et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0285478), the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin in view of Lin et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0207339), and the rejection of claims 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin in view of Oh (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0156534) are moot. Withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters. Respectfully submitted,

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